

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2487
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
SUBSIDY TO STATE GOVERNMENTS
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): the guidelines for providing subsidy to the States to reduce open defecation;
- (b): whether the Government of Gujarat has made any request to the Union Government to cover it under the scheme of low cost sanitation with the subsidy component; and
- (c): if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Under the Centrally sponsored Low Cost Sanitation Scheme, subsidy from Government of India and loan from Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) are being provided. This Scheme is applicable to small and medium towns having a population not exceeding 5 lakhs as per 1981 census. This Scheme is being operated by this Ministry through the HUDCO. The HUDCO is providing a mix of loan and subsidy in a synchronised manner as per funding pattern which is at Annexure.

The present unit cost for different categories of sanitary latrines is as follows:

UNIT	COST
5 user	Rs.4000/-
10 user	Rs.6000/-
15 user	Rs.7000/-

(b): The Chief Minister of Gujarat informed this Ministry in January, 1992 that all the dry latrines have been abolished in the urban areas of the State and hence question of manual scavenging of dry latrines does not arise. As such, the Government of Gujarat did not demand this scheme. However, during a one-day tour to the State of Gujarat by the Union Minister of State for Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation on 19.6.2000, a Memorandum was submitted to him to consider the case for covering Gujarat under the Low Cost Sanitation Scheme. This was followed by a letter from the Government of Gujarat in July 2000.

(c): The Government of Gujarat was informed in August, 2000 that in case it would like to implement this scheme, a proposal can be sent to this Ministry or HUDCO. No proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2487 FOR 5.12.2000

ANNEXURE

Category	Subsidy	Loan	Beneficiary contribution
EWS	45%	50%	5%
LIG	25%	60%	15%
MIG/HIG	Nil	75%	25%

EWS - Economically Weaker Sections
LIG - Lower Income Group

MIG - Middle Income Group
HIG - High Income Group